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CXXIX BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

OFFICIAL REPORT

**Regular Business Meeting
St. Louis, MO
June 12, 2018**

MINUTES

The Board of Education of the City of St. Louis met in Open Session pursuant to Board Bylaw B9350 on the date noted above at Northwest Academy of Transportation and Law, located at 5140 Riverview Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63120.

1 and 2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Charli Cooksey, Bill Haas, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Dorothy Rohde Collins
Natalie Vowell (via video call), Katherine Wessling

A quorum was present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:31 p.m.

4. APPEARANCES - PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments were presented related to Debate Teams within St. Louis Public Schools:

- Scholarships are available for St. Louis Public Schools students as they enter college.
- Students presented the impact of Debate Teams in their lives.
- Staff members presented the impact of Debate Teams on their students.
- An invitation to participate as judges for future tournaments was presented to the Board.

Mr. Ray Cummings was not in attendance to present his scheduled public comments.

Ms. Susan Turk presented the following public comments:

- The Debate League has historically raised half of their budget and the district has historically provided the other half of the budget. The district should make a commitment to sustain this arrangement.

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- Recently appointed State Board Members have historically not been friends of St. Louis Public Schools.
- The Opportunity Trust, run by Mr. Eric Scroggins, is being supported by the business community and will likely play a role in the future of schools in St. Louis City.

Ms. Gwen Cabe presented the following public comments:

- Ms. Cabe is a parent of a student at Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience.
- Her daughter has benefited significantly from her experiences at the school.

5. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 12, 2018 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

On a motion by President Susan Jones and seconded by Vice President Katherine Wessling, the Board voted to approve and adopt the June 12, 2018 Regular Business Meeting Agenda, amended to move item #7 to item #9, on the following roll call vote:

AYE: Charli Cooksey, Bill Haas, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell, Katherine Wessling

The motion passed.

6. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

The following nominations were made for the position of President of the Board for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Ms. Donna Jones nominated Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins.
- Ms. Katherine Wessling nominated Ms. Charli Cooksey.

The Board engaged in the following discussion regarding the election of the position of President:

- Mr. Bill Haas asked for clarity on the voting procedure to be used.
- Secretary Natalie Vowell commented that Board by-laws had been updated last year to be compliant with the state Sunshine Law, requiring a show of hands or a verbal vote.
- Secretary Natalie Vowell commented that Board Members participating in a meeting via video call could participate in a vote, although those participating through a phone call could not.
- Ms. Charli Cooksey commented that she would like to explore supporting Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins for President, if she would be interested in the role.
- Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins commented that she would be willing to serve as President.
- Vice President Katherine Wessling commented that Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins had previously expressed concerns with personal time constraints.
- Mr. Bill Haas commented that Ms. Charli Cooksey had previously expressed similar concerns.

The Board held an election for President of the Board through the following roll call vote:

- Ms. Donna Jones voted for Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins.
- Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins voted for Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins.

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- Ms. Charli Cooksey voted for Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins.
- Secretary Natalie Vowell voted for Ms. Charli Cooksey
- Vice President Katherine Wessling voted for Ms. Charli Cooksey.
- Mr. Bill Haas voted for Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins.
- President Susan Jones voted for Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins.

Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins was confirmed as the President of the Elected Board for the 2018-2019 school year.

The following nominations were made for the position of Vice President of the Board for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Mr. Bill Haas nominated Ms. Charli Cooksey.

The Board engaged in the following discussion regarding the election of the position of President:

- Ms. Charli Cooksey commented that this was not aligned with what was discussed in the Work Session, but would be glad to serve and support the president as much as possible.
- Ms. Charli Cooksey accepted the nomination.

The Board held an election for Vice President of the Board through the following roll call vote:

- Ms. Donna Jones voted for Ms. Charli Cooksey.
- President Dorothy Rohde Collins voted for Ms. Charli Cooksey.
- Ms. Charli Cooksey voted for Ms. Charli Cooksey.
- Secretary Natalie Vowell voted for Ms. Charli Cooksey
- Vice President Katherine Wessling voted for Ms. Charli Cooksey.
- Mr. Bill Haas voted for Ms. Charli Cooksey.
- Ms. Susan Jones voted for Ms. Charli Cooksey.

Ms. Charli Cooksey was confirmed as the Vice President of the Elected Board for the 2018-2019 school year.

The following nominations were made for the position of Secretary of the Board for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Mr. Bill Haas nominated Secretary Natalie Vowell.
- Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins nominated Ms. Donna Jones.

The Board engaged in the following discussion regarding the election of the position of Secretary:

- Secretary Natalie Vowell accepted the nomination.
- Ms. Donna Jones accepted the nomination.

The Board held an election for Secretary of the Board through the following roll call vote:

- Ms. Donna Jones voted for Secretary Natalie Vowell.
- President Dorothy Rohde Collins voted for Secretary Natalie Vowell.
- Vice President Charli Cooksey voted for Secretary Natalie Vowell.
- Secretary Natalie Vowell voted for Secretary Natalie Vowell.
- Ms. Katherine Wessling voted for Secretary Natalie Vowell.

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- Mr. Bill Haas voted for Secretary Natalie Vowell.
- Ms. Susan Jones voted for Secretary Natalie Vowell.

Secretary Natalie Vowell was confirmed as the Secretary of the Elected Board for the 2018-2019 school year.

7a. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: TRANSITION AND TRAINING

Ms. Susan Jones presented the following Transition report:

- Ms. Susan Jones commented that she had been in touch with Ms. Verjeana Jacobs to discuss the upcoming Board trainings.
- Dates will be finalized in the upcoming weeks.

7b. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: WORK SESSIONS

Ms. Susan Jones commented on the following:

- Ms. Susan Jones distributed a list of schools that Board Members have expressed interest in visiting next school year.
- Ms. Susan Jones commented that all Board Work Sessions would be held at Metro High School.

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding the agenda topic:

- Mr. Bill Haas commented on his interest for the Elected Board to remain engaged in the scheduling of these sessions.
- Vice President Charli Cooksey asked about the status of knowledge-sharing meetings between the Special Administrative Board and the Elected Board.
- Vice President Charli Cooksey asked about the status of an assigned liaison from the district for the Elected Board.
- Ms. Susan Jones commented that she has followed up with Superintendent Kelvin Adams regarding a Board liaison and regarding Board minutes.
- Mr. Bill Haas asked if it would be beneficial to have a standing agenda topic on knowledge sharing with the Special Administrative Board.
- Vice President Charli Cooksey recommended that relationships between members of the Board and others be discussed at the next Board Work Session.

8. MSBA JUNE BOARD REPORT

The Board watched the Missouri School Boards' Association's June Board Report.

9a. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Donna Jones, Vice President Charli Cooksey, Secretary Natalie Vowell, and Ms. Donna Jones did not present any Board Member reports.

Mr. Bill Haas presented the following Board Member Report

- Mr. Bill Haas has connected with Mr. Adolphus Pruitt about attending a future Board Work Session.

Ms. Katherine Wessling presented the following Board Member report:

- The Board vote tonight did not go as discussed at the last Work Session.
- Ms. Katherine Wessling hopes for team unity of the Board moving forward.

9b. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER: BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dorothy Rohde Collins presented the following Board President's report:

- President Dorothy Rohde Collins is excited to serve as president for the upcoming year.
- President Dorothy Rohde Collins is also committed to Board unity moving forward.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS

On a motion by Vice President Charli Cooksey and seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the Board voted to approve and adopt the February 20, 2018 Regular Business Meeting Minutes on the following roll call vote:

AYE: Charli Cooksey, Bill Haas, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Dorothy Rohde Collins,
Natalie Vowell

ABSTAIN: Katherine Wessling

The motion passed.

11. INFORMATION REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

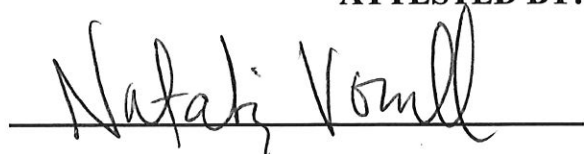
Vice President Charli Cooksey made the following information request:

- Vice President Charli Cooksey commented that her previous information requests should be noted in this section.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon a motion by Vice President Charli Cooksey and seconded by Ms. Donna Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:



NATALIE VOWELL